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Classified By: CDA Andrew Schofer, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

[1](#)1. (S) Per reftels, MFA Senior Advisor for Nonproliferation and Nuclear Affairs Ceta Noland told polmiloff March 6 that the Dutch firm Inter Connection Technologies (InCo Tech) had contacted the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs on December 17, 2007, regarding the planned export of connectors to Iran. Noland said the GONL determined at that time that the connectors in question did not pose a WMD risk; she suggested the connectors were quite ordinary and run-of-the-mill. As such, she said no objections were raised against this planned export.

[1](#)2. (S) Noland doubted but could not confirm if the shipment of connectors had already been exported to Iran. She said it typically takes several months after an export approval for the export to occur. Dutch customs officials can check whether an export has taken place, but Noland explained that due to an e-system output delay, there is typically a three-month delay between the date of the export and the export's appearance in the Dutch customs' database. Thus, she noted that even if the export had occurred immediately following the export approval, it would not yet be listed in the database. Noland welcomed any additional information from Washington regarding the specifications of the connectors, and how they might pose a WMD risk -- if the shipment has not gone forward, then the GONL might be able to reexamine the case.

Schofer